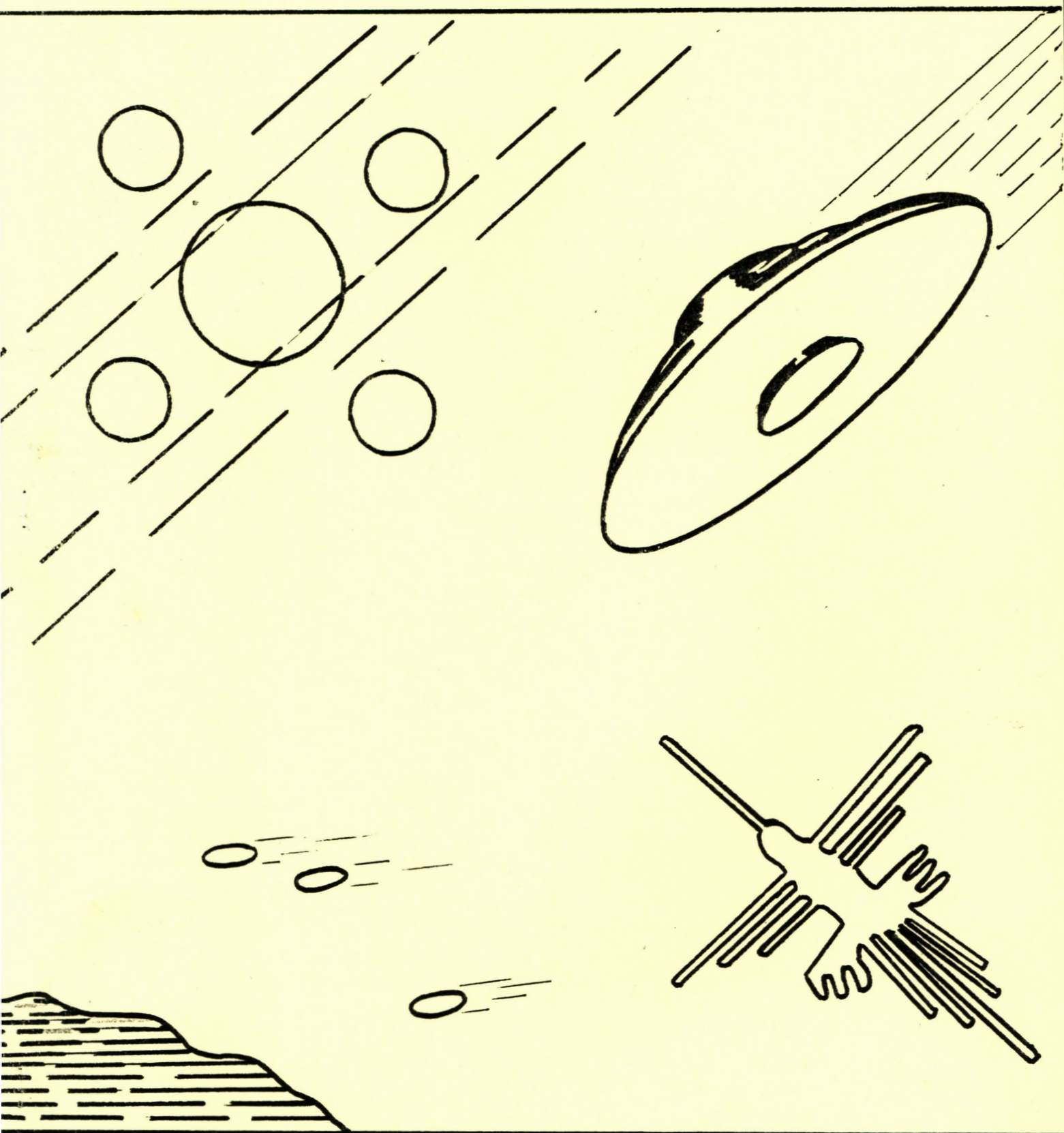


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The month of July brought with it numerous reports of "circles", both true and false. The "events" in Nottinghamshire were prominent, but nothing compared to the large number of "pictograms" and allied shapes that have appeared once again in the fields of Southern England.

The publicity that has been given the topic in the East Midlands, has brought with it numerous enquiries about our organisation and the prospects of it commencing regular meetings in the future. The interest has been so great that we have now firmly committed ourselves to regular monthly meetings, commencing 7.30pm on the 27th of September at the Friends Meeting House, St. Helens Street, Derby.

As predicted in our first Newsletter last month, the fact that people now realise there is a UFO study group of genuinely interested people in the area, has brought forth information on a number of UFO incidents that have taken place in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. This ranges from several years ago, to an incident that took place only last month!

You will find enclosed with this newsletter, an application form for membership of the group. In order that the organisation may commence on a firm footing, you are invited to apply for membership and in doing so, learn some of the amazing events that are taking place around us.

Although I have attempted to reply to all enquiries I have received, regrettably there are still a few outstanding. The "Crop Circle" activity is now extensive in England and strange happenings that are more akin to science fiction stories have been taking place. Trying to keep pace with current events has taken a great deal of my time, but I will reply to all remaining enquiries as soon as possible.

CIRCLES AT SOUTHWELL

On the 17th of July, the site of two "events" in fields alongside the Southwell (Notts.) to Thurgarton Road were visited and an inspection made of the area. In field 1.(wheat), a circle approx. 47.5' was found. This had a "T" section on the West side of the circle, while on the North, East and South side, there were three satellite circles approx. 13' diameter. All of these had swath sections on the East side of the circle rim.

At a position 23' South-East from the main circle, a half formed satellite circle was found, with heavy swathes' also pointing S.E. In one case a swath extended to a length of 16' along one side.

The main crop flow was CW (clockwise). The swath patterns are in keeping with other circle trends this year. Photo's, video and samples were taken.

In an adjoining field 2.(wheat), two circles were visible. A large circle approx. 45' diameter with CW flowing swirl. A satellite circle 48' to the South-East was also CW and had a 9'dia. Field 2 belongs to a local Agricultural College and may have been a hoax. Field 1 crop circle was irregular and had a number of features indicating a true event.

ILKESTON DISCOVERY

Thanks to the observation by Eddie Sherwood, made while travelling on a bus from Ilkeston, we were informed of a Crop Circle in a Barley field, just outside the town.

The main circle (approx.50'dia) had three satellites (approx.9'dia) positioned North, East and South-West. The event appeared to have taken place several weeks before as new green crop growth could be seen in the circle. The green crop consisted of Barley mixed with Oats, presumably from a previous planting.

One interesting point was the uneven growth of the green crop. The height difference between the inside and outside the circle was approx. one foot, which could be clearly seen. This could indicate that whatever caused the circles has caused some change in the plant growth rate.

Photographs and dimensions were taken at the site. Circle dimensions are given as an approximate figure because of the variations found on some axis, not through lack of measurements taken.

----- UFO CROP CIRCLE CONFERENCE -----

A conference organised by Quest International and listed as "Britain's No.1 UFO Event" will be held on Saturday Sept.14th in Leeds. Admission £5 (Concs. £2.50). Apply to 18 Hardy Meadows, Grassington, Skipton, Yorkshire.

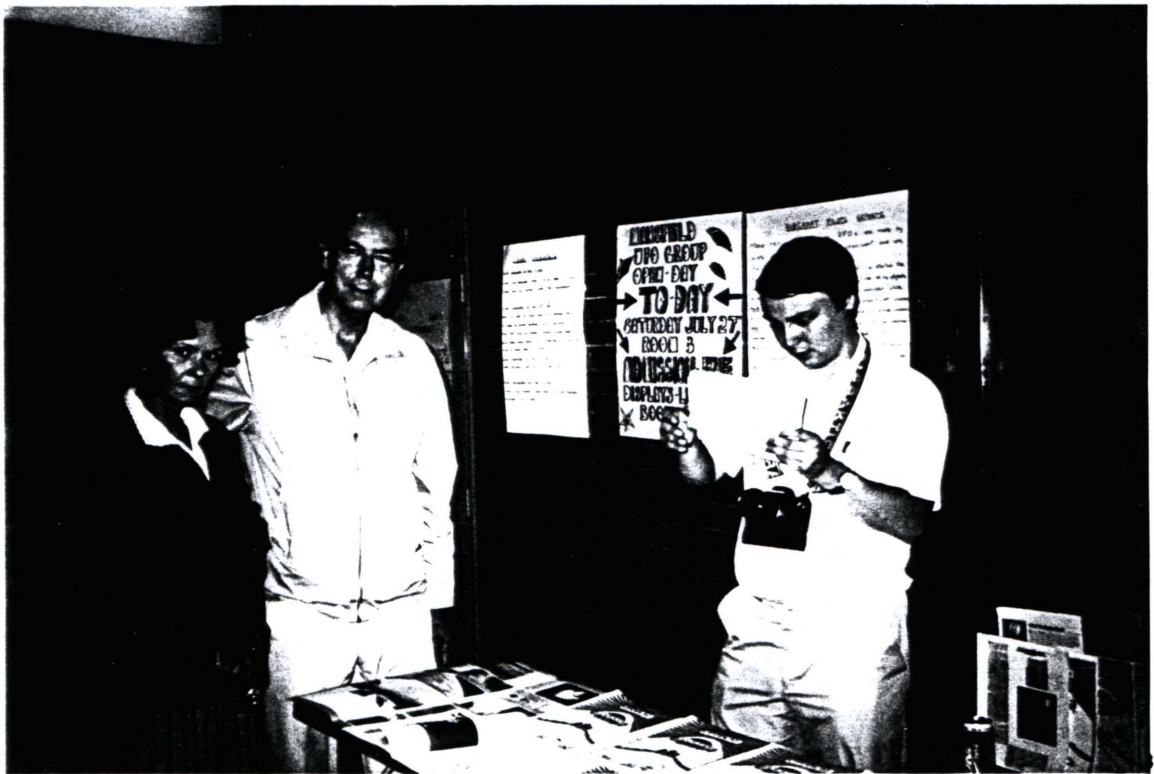
Guest Speakers: Anthony Dodd, Timothy Good (Alien Liaison), Colin Andrews & our friend Pat Delgado (who has kept us informed of happenings in the South). Also speaking, Graham and Mark Birdsall. The PRA is expected to mount a display stand showing activities in the East Midlands and further afield.

----- MANSFIELD UFO GROUP -----

Mansfield UFO Group (Chairman Mark Hayward), held an "Open Day" Exhibition at the town Library on Saturday July 17th. A stand in front of the library attracted the public's attention and they were then invited to visit the excellent photo display and video presentation inside the building.



PRA members investigating the Corn Circle event at Carlton-on-Trent July 9th. 1 main & 3 satellites.



"Open Day" at the Mansfield Library on July 17th. Chairman Mark Hayward (right) organised an excellent show. Deana and Omar Fowler were among the first visitors.

NIGHTIME UFO AT NOTTINGHAM FARM

The farm of John and Janet is situated in typical countryside of the area, surrounded by extensive fields of crop (Wheat, Oats etc.). A high voltage pylon system passes across fields approx. a quarter of a mile in front of the farm. The farm is mixed, having both cattle and crops.

The couple, who wish to remain anonymous, were interviewed on the 18th of July, following an incident at their farm in the early hours (1.15am) on the 9th July.

Janet went on to explain what had happened on that night:

"I was woken up in the early hours by this indescribable noise, it was a terrific highly pitched humming, so loud that it made your eardrums click". As she woke up to this terrific sound, she saw a brilliant glow of light outside the window "like a brilliant red, orange sunset, but absolutely vivid in colour". "I leapt up onto the bed and I was looking out of the window and it was the full width of the window". "There's a willow tree outside the window and it was all engulfed in this bright red and orange".

At this stage her husband John woke up: "It startled me, I jumped out of bed in one, and straight away went over to the window, I remember seeing this light and then it went, ever so quick"!

"Did you see that, did you see that!" said Janet "and the colour!" "It engulfed the willow tree, all the tree was like, in it!" "You could see the outline of the tree, but it was all bright red and orange, fierce you know". "It was so bright and vivid, it was terrible"

John continued: "I've never heard a noise like that, it was a real heavy humming noise, really high pitched". "I reckon that when I heard the humming noise, it was straight here, straight over the top". "It made me jump, I don't know owt' about that"!

Omar Fowler then asked John: "The circles that appeared down the road, that is about four miles away isn't it?" John: "Yes that's right, at Carlton".

The circles appeared on the 7th of July and this incident took place on the night of the 8th of July. Was there a connection? Was this one of the glowing balls of "Plasma" now associated with the forming of circles and pictograms? This was not the only incident that had taken place at this farm. It is one of the cases to be discussed at one of our forthcoming meetings.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

A selection of the latest aerial photographs of the pictograms and circles in Wiltshire!

O. Fowler



Janet and John, a UFO hovered in front of
their Nottinghamshire farmhouse on the 9th July.



The glowing ball of light hovered in front
of the willow tree (on left).